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## TO OUR READERS.

While we are gone to South Africa let our patrons of this paper pay up regularly and work to keep the Voice of Missions alive. Every issue will have letters from us. Direct all letters, money orders, etc., to Voice of Missions, Atlanta, Ga.; then my chief secretary will have no trouble in getting it and using it to the paper. Good-bye till we meet in the somewhere.

H. M. T.

"THE AFRICAN," a clean little sheet, sent out by Hon. C. H. J. Taylor of Atlanta, will do much good if properly looked after, which the editor can do if he will. We hope it will be a blessing to our race.

BISHOP A. GRANT, of Philadelphia, Pa., preached at Bethel A. M. E. church, Sabbath, Feb. 20th, and on Monday evening, Feb. 21st. He lectured upon the subject "A plea for suspension of judgment upon the Negro."

Rev. Dr. H. B. PARKS, Secretary of Missions, visited the Voice of Missions, Feb. 21st. His words of encouragement cannot be overestimated. He was en route to Cleveland, Ohio from the Florida conference held at Jacksonville.

We regret very much indeed that no one of our ten Bishops could spare the time from the multitudinous duties of their respective Episcopal Districts to go to West Africa, hold the Liberia and Sierra Leone Conferences, and ordain and consecrate a number of Deacons and Elders for the work of that important field.

It appears to have been unfortunate for Col. A. D. Candler to have written a letter that could be so readily misapplied or misinterpreted. Yet there is no disguising of the fact, regardless of who elected Gov. W. Y. Atkinson, he has, without doubt, done more to see that the Negro gets justice in this state than any other governor, living or dead. If the devil gives me a blessing, I'll give him credit.

The Liberia Annual Conference convened on the 17th of February in the Eliza Turner Memorial A. M. E. Church, Monrovia, Liberia, the capital city of the third Negro republic in the world. The conference completed a living monument to the greatness of the American Negro's love for the land of his ancestors, and a beginning of the work of African Methodism upon the west coast of Africa, the end of which is more pregnant with glory than language can portray.

DR. C. T. SHAFER and L. J. COPPIN never made more impressive speeches than they did at the reception of Bishop Turner in New York on the evening before the Bishop sailed for Africa. The former speaker said that the African M. E. Church was a Missionary Church, and that Bishop Turner was the greatest missionary of the Church that had ever produced; that the Church would retain its place in the connections of Christendom, as it contributed to the extension of Christian missions in all lands.

The East Florida Conference, held in St. Augustine, Fla., on the 12th inst., was indeed a great number of African Methodism in the Peninsula State. The Conference reported an increase of finance over last for every department of the connection. The collection for Missions was 25 per cent larger than in any year of its previous history. Doctors T. W. Henderson, H. T. Johnson, H. B. Parks, M. Moore, J. R. Hawkins, C. S. Smith and R. M. Cheeks attended the Conference in the interest of the respective departments they represent. Each of these general officers showed unusual interest in the presentation of their work to the Conference. The brethren are loud in their praise of Bishop Gaines as a presiding officer and gospel preacher.

Do you know how many of Prof. W. H. Croghan's books have been sold? We judge at least 5,000 copies. I hope this is true. It ought to be, to say the least, since what Prof. Croghan writes is readable. With Clark University and Gammon Seminary and the great Methodist Episcopal Church with its boasted brain power, there is no reason why 10,000 copies should not be sold. You who have heard Prof. Croghan speak know him to be one of the ablest in the race. No man of color in that great Church has done more than he in this Southland to send out men and women with the proper harvestings of life who should bless the world. Unlike a great number who come in the name of the heathens Lockland, Lord, he has remained for London... as besides lectures and Mainville... Prof. Croghan deserves what Mansfield... Church can give.

## MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE.

We are living in an age when it behooves us to be prepared for the worst. This is sort of a rapid transit period; everything is done at lightning speed. In fact, electricity takes an important part in the everyday affairs of life. Life is but a fleeting moment; while in the midst of it, we are suddenly stricken with disease; death. We are here to-day and gone to-morrow. How necessary then that we have a care for our own welfare and those dependent upon us.

An excellent example of one who did this was published in our February issue, in the experience of Mr. Reuben Petich, of Griesville, Ontario. Since the article appeared, we have obtained additional information regarding this remarkable and helpful occurrence. It is the case of Mr. Petich is the most extraordinary in the medical annals of Canada.

He was seriously ill for five years with a disease called spinal sclerosis, an uncommon but fatal malady. He lost the use of his limbs; his flesh seemed dead and a pin run full length into any part of his body could not be felt. He was unable to open his mouth enough to take solid food. His condition attracted wide attention; many doctors examined him, all of whom said he could not recover.

Fortunately, when in good health Mr. Petich had taken out an insurance policy in the Canadian Mutual Life Association. During his illness, the leading medical experts of the association gave a most careful examination of Mr. Petich's case. They pronounced him incurable and consequently he received \$1,650, as a disability claim in full, of his policy.

Mr. Petich lingered in his fearful condition for several months, his condition being medical medical treatment. Finally, some friends advised the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, a remedy which has cured many diseases, because its acts directly on the impure blood, the source of disease.

He took a few of the pills; soon there was a slight change in his condition. He noticed a tendency to sweat; this showed some life in his helpless body. As he continued taking the pills, a pricking sensation was felt in his limbs; and he began to move about freely through his body. One by one the symptoms of his disease were overcome and in due time the blood was enriched, and Mr. Petich was restored to health. Today he goes about his business perfectly well; he is no longer a cripple, but a man.

Such is the history of one of the most remarkable cases in modern medicine. Is it not a miracle of modern medicine? Surely, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are worthy the consideration of all suffering persons.

## BUSINESS EDUCATION.

In a lecture to young men and women, Henry Ward Beecher once said: "Whatever avocation you may choose for your life work, there can be no question but that the first step is to obtain a practical business education."

We cannot afford to dispense with higher culture, neither can we with the skill that provides the means to secure it. Financial success gives power and permanence. Our race ought to give particular attention to this intensely practical part of a well rounded training for life. It is better to spend a few months in careful preparation for the business details of every day life than it is to be weighed in the balance and found wanting. In these essential things, by practical hard headed business men at a critical period in the struggle for position and influence.

There are few reputable business schools in the South that open their doors to our young people. During the past year such schools, excellent in equipment, with large rooms, fine furniture and extensive office departments, have been organized in connection with Berea College, Berea, Ky. Expenses are remarkably low there and a very cordial invitation is extended to our people to send their sons and daughters to the school. Information regarding the Berea College Business School will gladly be furnished by its principal, E. A. Potter, Berea, Ky. If you are interested in business education do not fail to write him about it.

EVERY A. M. E. preacher who cannot or will not study at home, whether he be old or young, and continues to trouble the church for something to do, or preach, ought to take himself to the Theological department of Morris Brown College, in New York. We have a number of us who go to the bishop or presiding elders about conference time asking to get sent to Atlanta, and several have been allowed to "get sent to Atlanta." They haven't gone to Morris Brown—they didn't intend to go, and they do not mean to go. What have they told?

BISHOP GRANT said to Bishop Turner at a meeting of a thousand people in Bethel Church, Friday night, the 17th inst., "that the First Episcopal District would lead the A. M. E. Church next Easter day in the offering for Foreign Missions." This is a big statement but Drs. Cook, Henderson, Coppin and a host of others cried, "That is true." Bishop Derrick looked up at his fearless colleague, and then dropped his head. It may be that some of the men in the 8th Episcopal District can explain that significant look of their unsurpassed leader for Bishop Grant.

BISHOP H. M. TURNER sailed on the steamer Lucania, for Liverpool on the 12th inst. He is on his way to South Africa, to extend the borders of African Methodism. If there is one man in this country who has a wide and correct conception of God's calling men "to go into all the world and preach" that man is Bishop Turner. The church in this country will pray for him while away. The race has not had a greater man within church or state. He may be styled the Moses of the race. May He that kept Israel, keep him in this far away land.

DR. H. T. JOHNSON, Ph. D., Editor of the Christian Recorder, said among other things of interest, at the farwell reception tendered Bishop Turner by the Missionary department in Bethel Church, New York City, "That in a hundred years from tonight the head of the A. M. E. Church will be in Africa and its tail in America." If the connection will give the mission work of the Church its undivided support as does Bishop Turner, the prediction of the doctor will be fulfilled.

THE VOICE OF MISSIONS feels grateful to the editor of the Christian Recorder for the very excellent mention and scholarly sketch that appeared as an editorial a few weeks ago.

## THE MISSIONARY JUBILEE TRIP TO AFRICA.

Time: Marching to Georgia.

BY MRS. MARY F. HANLEY, WINSTON, N.C.

We're about to take a trip, Across the ocean wave, We'll come aboard the ship, And sail to Africa.

Yes, Bishop Turner has led the van, To this great missionary land, Soon we'll go, sailing to Africa.

Through him and Christ the sons of Ham Have won great victories, By laying various mission plans In the fields of Africa.

So now he is aboard the gallant ship; A happy band are we, Soon we'll go sailing to Africa.

Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll bring the jubilee, Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll sing, and sing, as we sail on, Across the ocean waves, When we go sailing to Africa.

England will hear the joyful cry, They'll cheer for Canada, We'll know our ship is passing by, Sailing home to Africa.

Then we'll sing and cheer, "God save the Queen!" As we go to Canada, When we arrive in Africa.

Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll bring the jubilee, Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll sing, and sing, as we sail on, Across the ocean wave, Until we're safe in Africa.

[In honor of Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., on his departure to South Africa.]

The following letter to Bishop Grant, and his many Christian and law-conforming answer, for which we beg him of a copy, will not only be read with interest, but we hope with profit, and strike terror to that class of missionary robbers who would limit the boundaries of our church to their own circuits or stations. We have not mentioned the brother's name referred to, at Bishop Grant's request on the one hand, and because we hope he will learn a lesson for life on the other. We have no doubt but scores of our so-called pastors have now in contemplation some kind of a big bluff on Easter Sabbath for their own selfish purposes, when the law is emphatic, that Easter Sabbath belongs solely to the missionary department.

But we trust Bishop Grant's letter will open their eyes.

A LETTER TO BISHOP GRANT FROM REV. H. M. TURNER, D. D., FEBRUARY 27TH, 1898.

My Dear Bishop: In order to condition ourselves to the circumstances in which we are surrounded, and for the betterment of the church as well as for the furtherance of the cause, we are forced to set Easter Sunday as the day for our rally. I respect the day as a missionary day and would not hold our rally on that day were it not strictly necessary.

On that day I shall be happy to have you, as you know of the importance of the day and lend to the occasion. I have thus far every evidence of a successful day.

Trusting you and your dear one are well, I am yours faithfully,

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 19, '98.

My dear brother, your favor of February 9th has been received and contents noted. In reply permit me to say I regret very much indeed that you have not your rally for Easter Sunday, for you are too young a man in the ministry to teach the people to disregard conventional day.

Such teaching will certainly prove disastrous in the end.

In order to build up a strong government we must teach the people law and its observance as a necessity for the perpetuation of our best interests. It does seem to me as if you could select some day between now and Easter, or even after, for your rally, and not take that day which has been set apart for the sacred cause of missions by the authority of the Church.

Trusting that you will give these reflections due consideration, I am yours in Christian love.

E. A. GRANT.

EASTER DAY must be looked after by the Church. Dr. Parks did very well last Easter, yet not as well as might have been done had a lot of these grumblers and disgruntled class of preachers done as they were bid. Presiding Elders should see to it that their district do so much, and if he has been called of God and is worth the salt that goes in his bread he is worth it. Please do not come up to the Annual Conference with excuses, as a number of the thick-skinned pastors and Presiding Elders do for it says plainly that you do not deserve your charge.

We understand that the colored physicians of Atlanta get a fair practice and are giving general satisfaction. And they do fairly well, because they have not been trained for years and years to trust their lives in the hands of people who are exhibiting how little they know. Time will bring about all things, physicians.

A PREACHER said a few days ago: "It is harder for a man to be a successful hypocrite in this generation than ever before. The means of detection are so numerous that escape is almost an impossibility. We live under the fierce electric light of the press which takes privacy a thing not to be dreamed of."

CAPTAIN C. C. WINBUSH has been recently appointed surveyor of customs at Atlanta, Ga., by President McKinley. Mr. Winbush has lived in Atlanta for more than twenty years. We learn that he held the best kind of endorsements from his party as well as the best Democrats of this city.

## BUSINESS EDUCATION.

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## Minutes of the Liberia West African District Conference.

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Mr. Editor—The first day, morning session, of the Fourth District Conference of the A. M. E. Church, convened at Roystonville, in Brown A. M. E. church, November 25, 1897, at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. C. Curtis, P. E., after which he occupied the chair.

The Conference proceeded to elect a secretary, and on motion of Rev. A. H. Watson, Rev. M. T. Newland was elected. The roll was called and all the brethren, with a few exceptions, were present.

The President then proceeded to appoint the following-named brethren on the various committees of the conference: On the Financial Ability of the People Throughout the District—Revs. Clement Irons, A. H. Watson and Bro. W. H. Adams.

2. On their Moral Worth—Revs. M. T. Newland, S. A. Bailey, Sr., and J. M. Gross.

3. On the Spiritual Condition of the Churches—Revs. A. L. Brisbane, H. W. White and William Patton.

4. On the Condition of the Public Schools—Revs. J. G. Wilson, J. M. Gross and Bro. H. W. Davies.

5. On the Progress of the Sabbath Schools—Revs. S. A. Bailey, Sr., Bro. J. B. Miller and S. A. Bailey, Jr.

6. On the Means Necessary to Make the Churches Financially More Prosperous—Bro. W. H. Adams, Rev. W. H. Wright and Bro. E. D. White.

The committees, in their various reports, showed that we were in advance spiritually, morally and financially.

Reporters to the various organs of the church, viz: Southern Christian Recorder, Rev. A. L. Brisbane, Christian Recorder, Rev. J. M. Gross.

VOICE OF MISSIONS, Rev. M. T. Newland.

Committees on Finance—Bro. W. H. Adams, Rev. Clement Irons, A. H. Watson and A. L. Brisbane.

After which the Chairman called for the licenses of the local preachers. Two of the brethren came forward and were examined by the President. The two brethren, Bro. A. B. Irwin and Thomas Harwood, were examined by the President. The President then read the reports of the local preachers, which showed great progress in the work.

There was a short discourse about the absent and careless brethren of Brewerville charge. It was moved that the names of these brethren be read, and that they be given a chance to be heard. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Doxology was sung. Benediction by the President.

CONFERENCE SESSION.

The conference met pursuant to adjournment with the Presiding Elder in the chair.

The brethren who failed to bring in their report to the morning session were called upon.

Revs. S. A. Bailey, Sr., and W. P. Patterson read their reports, which were received and adopted.

The President then mounted the pulpit, accompanied by Rev. Clement Irons, to preach the district sermon. The President gave out hymn 725, which was well sung. Prayer by Rev. Clement Irons. The President then read the scripture lesson from 2d chapter Revelations. Hymn 934 was again sung. After the singing of the hymn he selected a text from Revelations, 2d chapter, latter clause of the 10th verse, from which he preached a fervent sermon. After the close of the sermon the preacher offered a fervent prayer. He afterwards opened the door of the Church. None came forward. The doxology was sung and the benediction by the preacher.

SECOND DAY—27, 1897.

Conference opened at 9 a. m., the P. E. in the chair. Rev. A. H. Watson conducted the devotional exercises by singing hymn 183. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Wright. Scripture lesson from 1st chapter of the field of the 4th chapter of St. John's gospel, 5th verse, from which he preached an edifying sermon. The President afterwards announced the parting hymn from No. 328, which was sung with spirit, followed with the doxology and benediction by the preacher.

Our dear presiding elder is doing his very best for the up-building of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and stands high with the ministers and members of the district.

Though our Superintendent of Missions, Dr. W. H. Heard, was prevented through pressure of business from attending the Conference, his report showed marked success.

The Doctor has furnished all the money for the building and paid out some six hundred and forty dollars (\$640), including purchase of a lot in the central part of Monrovia. His work is in a healthy condition. The Doctor will have his Church ready for our coming Annual Conference.

The name of both Presiding Elder and Missionary Superintendent will shine on through eternity.

M. T. NEWLAND, Secretary and Reporter.

Letter From Liberia.

MONROVIA, Nov. 15th, 1897.

Dear Sir—An interesting book, the History of Liberia and the Early Settlers. Please have it read to all the emigrants who will ever think of coming to Liberia. Let them see how our forefathers suffered and died to procure a home for them.

We, as Liberians, are simply tired of seeing those false reports in newspapers concerning our country. We are not opposed to any one speaking the truth about Liberia, but we are tired of false reports, and all who care to leave Liberia are at liberty to do so. This is not a slave state. With best wishes for your health, God bless you.

Yours truly, MARIA H. WILLIAMS, 98 Ashmun Street, Monrovia, Liberia.

The memorial at Bethel Church, held in honor of the late Mrs. Bishop Turner, was in every way befitting.

CONFERENCE SESSION.

Conference met at 6 p. m. to hear a sermon from Rev. S. A. Bailey, Sr. He gave out hymn 555. After the singing of the hymn, Rev. J. G. Wilson offered a solemn prayer. Rev. S. A. Bailey read the Scripture lesson, after which the President introduced the Rev. S. A. Bailey as the preacher. He then announced a text from Ezekiel, 1, 6, from which he preached a grand sermon, after which the President sang "At the Cross." He afterwards opened the door of the Church by singing hymn, "And am I Born to Die." None came forward. Prayer by Bro. Parker of the M. E. Church. The President then made a short address, followed with the doxology and benediction by the preacher.

SABBATH MORNING.

At an early hour people began to gather from all sections for love feast. Said love feast was conducted by Rev. J. G. Wilson. It was a glorious and happy time. After the singing of hymn 555, the President introduced the Rev. S. A. Bailey, Sr., who preached a powerful sermon therefrom. More than forty persons communed at the Lord's table. The collection was very good. The preacher afterwards opened the door of the Church by singing hymn 259. No one came forward. The doxology was sung. Benediction by the preacher.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock p. m. an immense audience assembled to hear Rev. M. T. Newland expound the Word. Rev. J. G. Wilson, associated by Rev. J. G. Wilson, presided over the session. He appointed and commenced the service by singing hymn 628, which was followed with a prayer by Rev. J. G. Wilson. Scripture lesson by Rev. M. T. Newland. A hymn was again sung—the preacher then announced a text from Isaiah, 26, from which he preached a powerful sermon. A hymn was sung by the President. The President afterwards opened the door of the Church. None came forward. The doxology was sung. Benediction by the preacher.

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## First Easter Call.

Awake! Awake!

BY REV. R. L. BEAL, A. M.

COMMANDERS AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS:

YOU are requested to make ready your respective crafts, for the general expedition to Africa, Hayti, San Domingo, the greater and lesser Antilles and South America, that are under the immediate supervision of the A. M. E. Church. Inspection will be made of your condition by the regular appointed officers, who will report to the proper authorities. Let there be special and continued review of the forces, in long and short range practice, preparation to the departure for the great conflict which is to be held against the Black Prince Apollon with his host of mercenaries, the second Sunday in April. Despite the oft repeated victories won and the stolen souls recovered, the enemy appears bold and defiant; his ships still prey upon the property of the puissant king of heaven, to which these souls rightfully belong. Last year in the hotly contested combat, by the line of battle-ships of the first-class, in the North Atlantic squadron, with the associate armed cruisers and corvettes, special mention was made of Commodore Cook, of Brooklyn, in chapter 16th verse, and preached a powerful sermon therefrom. More than forty persons communed at the Lord's table. The collection was very good. The preacher afterwards opened the door of the Church by singing hymn 259. No one came forward. The doxology was sung. Benediction by the preacher.

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Beneath the calm and silent sky;  
'Tis still as mountain solitudes,  
Where voice is no other step intrudes;  
No heart throbs here, gleams out no eye—  
Alone, yet not alone, am I!  
A presence, actual as the heart  
From whence my own life motions start,  
A being real, though unseen,  
More true than those things form; hat-  
red, hate;  
Aspirit to my soul is nigh—  
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I thank Mrs. Swenson for such  
... nothing sentiments. The closing  
... bath of the year opened up a r...  
... among us. Text: Luke xvi, 2.  
... Lost Opportunities Irrecoverab...  
... occupied our meditation.

thanksgiving offering by our poor but faithful members of Allen A. M. Church. Thirteen shillings are appropriated for school books for "Sarah Gorman Mission School" here and two shillings quarterly as assessment for the presiding elder's rent. While preparing this article, we are pleasantly surprised with the following note:

ALLEN A. M. E. CHURCH, MAGWELLY  
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1898.

REV. PROF. F. G. SNELOOM, M. A.,  
General Superintendent and Presiding Elder, A. M. E. Church in Africa.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

We, the official board members and stewards of Allen A. M. E. Church, Magwelly, beg to forward you the

Or pen, can not be told.  
The lordly palms their heads did nod  
To silent grave salute;  
And as it woundled out of God,  
Came cheers from man and brute.  
The mountains left their ancient place  
And hasten'd to the sea;  
And billows rose and strove in glee  
And clapped their hands in gladness.  
While I was wondering to know,  
Why these strange things were done  
Yea, strange it was: I looked and,  
A rain-bow 'bove the sun.  
And as I looked, I did behold,  
Beneath its shining arch,  
"Immortal Turner" in tint of gold  
And his great watch-word "mar-

your names blazoning upon the roll of contributors from Alabama and Georgia. But we shall expect for the Presiding Elders to see that their pastors observe the day and report the same to Rev. H. K. Pate, D.D., room 61, Bible House, 1000 City, with the places and names of the pastors. We shall expect that there may be no mistake or blunder in the publication of the same.

5. Sabbath, September 18th, Endowment Day, as it is the several annual conferences in Alabama assessed all the churches and adopted the same in open conference. We fixed the period of the year for raising that assessment for the University. We shall say nothing

**NOTICE.**

The state convention of the 'man's Home and Foreign Mission Society' of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Sixth Episcopal District will convene July 6, 10th & 13th at Birmingham, Ala., and 13th to 17th at Forsyth, Ga. Auxiliaries and Conference societies will please govern themselves according to the laws laid out by the *original constitution*, as the convention of both states will be governed by same, and all other laws from source will be subordinate.

SARA J. DRECAAN,  
Lecturer and General Secretary.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Land of the Afric's son,  
Of thee we sing:  
Land where our fathers died,  
Land of the Negro's pride,  
From every mountain side  
God's truth shall ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the black and free,  
Thy name I love:  
Thy rocks and hills  
Thy woods and matchless hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
In thee I'll e'er abide.

When all thy slandering ghouts,  
In the bosom of Shool,  
Forgotten lie,  
Thy monumental name shall live,  
By thy rocks and high shall live,  
Upheaved to heaven's brow  
Or toppling throne.

If you have anything to sell  
able know it. This is the

Rev. Charles Dorce, Port-au-Prince,  
Hayti, West Indies.

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